



CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- Sub AP
1. A method of providing a graphical user interface to an operating system of a computer having a video screen, comprising the steps of:
 - a. providing an operating system user interface manipulable by a user,
 - b. providing a frame controlled by the operating system, the frame including a graphical representation of an item and at least one slot containing a user-selected property of the item, and
 - c. displaying a view of the frame on the video screen.
 2. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of displaying the view in a folder view display of a graphical environment on the video screen.
 3. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of displaying the view in an array on the video screen.
 4. The method of claim 1 wherein the operating system sorts the frames by the user-selected property.
 5. The method of claim 1 wherein the frame provides a plurality of sortable properties of the item.
 6. An operating system of a computer having a video screen, comprising:
 - a default directory for storing information about an item,
 - a first control that provides a graphic user interface on the video screen, the first control retrieving the stored information from the default directory,

a second control that displays the information about the item on the video screen, the second control displays the information dynamically in a frame which is presented on the video screen, and

a user interface control manipulable by a user for requesting the display of the information on the video screen.

7. The operating system of claim 6 wherein the frame displays properties that identify the item.

8. The operating system of claim 7 wherein the frame displays a graphic representation of the item.

9. The operating system of claim 7 wherein the first control sorts the frames by one of the properties that identify the item.

10. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing steps comprising:

- a. a database component for storing properties of an item that are specific to the item,
- b. a first control component for providing a graphic user interface on a video screen,
- c. a second control component for displaying the properties of the item on the video screen,
- d. a user interface component manipulable by a user for requesting the display of the properties of the item on the video screen, and
- e. if the request to display the properties of the item on the video screen is received from the user:

- i. the first control component retrieving the stored properties from the database component and sending the properties to the second control component, and
- ii. the second control component displaying the properties dynamically in a frame on the video screen.
11. The computer-readable medium of claim 10 having computer-executable instructions wherein the user interface component requests the sort arrangement of the properties of the item on the video screen.
12. The computer-readable medium of claim 11 having computer-executable instructions for performing steps comprising:
- receiving a sort request from the user,
 - sorting the properties by the sort request, and
 - displaying the sorted properties on the video screen.
13. In a computer system having a graphical user interface including a display and a user interface selection device, a method of selecting from a menu and providing specific properties about an item, comprising the steps of:
- a. displaying a set of menu entries including a tile menu entry,
 - b. receiving a first menu entry execution signal indicative of the user interface selection device pointing at the tile menu entry on the display,
 - c. displaying an arrange item menu entry including a set of cascade menu items associated therewith,
 - d. receiving a menu entry selection signal indicative of the user interface selection device pointing at the arrange item menu entry on the display,

